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SUBJ: NEW INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO SRI LANKA

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1. MINISTER ADLINSJAH JENIE, INDONESIAN DCM IN TOKYO, JUST RETURNED TO TOKYO FROM JAKARTA, WHERE HE PARTICIPATED IN RECENT VISIT OF PRESIDENT BANDARANAIKE AND CONFIRMED AGREEMENT TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBO. HE IS ELATED BY HIS APPOINTMENT, ALTHOUGH HE SAYS HE IS A BIT BEHIND THE CURVE IN HIS SERVICE AT HIS AGE. HE AND HIS FAMILY ARE PREPARING FOR TRANSFER, BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE A FIRM DATE FOR ARRIVAL IN COLOMBO.

2. THE NEW AMBASSADOR, WHO AT THIS POST HAS CALLED HIMSELF JENIE, HAS PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE TOKYO DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. HE AND HIS WIFE APPEAR TO BE SOCIALLY POPULAR, AND HE HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO MAINTAIN FAIRLY FREQUENT PROFESSIONAL CONTACT WITH US. DURING THE POST-SAIGON MONTHS HE WAS OUTSPOKEN IN HIS ENCOURAGEMENT OF A CONTINUING U.S. ROLE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND WITH ASIAN COLLEAGUES (AND US) HE HAS OCCASIONALLY SPOKEN WITH SOME STRENGTH AGAINST SOVIET DESIGNS IN ASIA. HE HAS APPEARED TO BE

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WELL-INFORMED AND THOUGHTFUL IN HIS DISCUSSIONS OF

REGIONAL AFFAIRS, LESS AU COURANT ON GENERAL WORLD AFFAIRS.
HE SAYS HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT HIS MAIN MISSION IN
COLOMBO WILL BE TO PROMOTE A NONALIGNED AND NON-NUCLEAR
ZONE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, PRINCIPALLY
AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION.

3. ALTHOUGH JENIE CANNOT EXPRESS HIMSELF FLUENTLY AND
EASILY IN ENGLISH, HE APPEARS TO UNDERSTAND WELL AND HAS
NO HESITATION IN PARTICIPATING IN DISCUSSIONS. HE AND
HIS WIFE BOTH ARE WARM PERSONALITIES, SOMEWHAT OLD-
FASHIONED AND NOT PARTICULARLY SCINTILLATING, BUT
EXTREMELY RECEPTIVE TO AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS AND CON-
GENIAL MEMBERS OF ANY COMMUNITY. JENIE TAKES GREAT PRIDE
IN THE FACT THAT HE IS A QTE GRADUATE UNQTE OF OUR
FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE (APPARENTLY IN THE
EARLY FIFTIES) AND WAS ONE OF THE FIRST INDODESIAN
DIPLOMATS TO DO SO. ONE OR TWO OF THEIR CHILDREN WILL
BE STUDYING IN THE UNITED STATES WHILE THE JENIES ARE
IN COLOMBO.
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